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82ND AIRBORNE ON ALERT STATUS FOR TRANSFER "TO THE REGION OF SHABA IN ZAIRE." MORNING NEWS BULLETIN ALSO QUOTED FRENCH REPORT THAT BELGIAN PARATROOPERS ADDITIONALLY IN STATE OF PREPAREDNESS. IMPLICATION OF BOTH REPORTS WAS THAT AMERICAN/BELGIAN FORCES BEING READIED TO "INTERVENE" IN ZAIRE TO SUPPORT MOBUTU GOVERNMENT. NO MENTION MADE OF THE CAVEAT

THAT ALERT OF US FORCES "NORMAL AND REASONABLE PRECAUTION TAKEN WHEN AMERICAN CITIZENS ARE LOCATED IN A REMOTE AREA WHERE CONFLICT IS OCCURING." CARLE

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